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For: INDUCTION-HEATING APPARATUS

RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 25, 2005, Applicants hereby provisionally elect for prosecution in this application the subject matter identified in the Office Action as species I, namely, claims 1-7 and 11-16, drawn to a heating device with an induction coil having a predetermined characteristic frequency.

This election is made with traverse, inasmuch as the claimed subject matter identified as respective "species" in the Office Action is not in a species-species relationship, i.e., the claim groups are not mutually exclusive. There is only a single basic embodiment disclosed in the application, and all of the claims are directed to that embodiment, with differing emphasis as to features. No restriction/election is proper under the circumstances.

Applicants, of course, reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications.

Receipt of the initial Office Action on the merits is awaited.

Respectfully submitted,

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